(955 Bird River Beach Road)

Walter Charles Clark, et ux Petitioners

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 5th Councilmanic District \* Case No. 93-315-A

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BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Walter C. and Kathryn M. Clark. The Petitioners request relief from Section 415.A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the storage of four (4) recreational vehicles on the subject property in lieu of the one (1) permitted, as more particularly described herein and on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petition was Walter Charles Clark, property owner. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 955 Bird River Beach Road, consists of 16.574 acres, more or less, zoned R.C. 2 and is improved with a single family dwelling and various accessory structures. Said property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas near Bird River. The Petitioner is in the process of subdividing his property to create a building lot for his daughter. Testimony indicated that during the subdivision process, Baltimore County discovered that the Petitioner is storing four (4) recreational vehicles on his property, which is in violation of the zoning regulations. The Petitioner was advised to file the instant Petition seeking permission to keep the subject recreational vehicles on his property. Mr. Clark testified that he currently owns and

stores on the property a small boat for fishing, one for crabbing, a camper he uses when hunting, and a motor home which both he and his wife use when travelling. Testimony indicated that Mrs. Clark suffers from emphysema and that the motor home makes it easier for her to travel. Mr. Clark testified that he has resided on the property since 1948 and has always stored his boats and other recreational vehicles on the property. The Petitioner testified that his neighbors have no objections to his storing the subject vehicles on his property and introduced as Petitioner's Exhibit 2, a Petition which had been signed by many of his neighbors, including several of the immediately adjoining property owners, indicating their support of the relief requested.

As noted above, this property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas near Bird River and as such, is subject to compliance with the applicable Critical Areas legislation. In accordance with the comments received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) dated April 9, 1993, the storage of recreational vehicles on the subject property is not considered a "Development Activity" which would require the preparation of a Findings Plan for review and approval by DEPRM. Therefore, compliance with Critical Areas legislation is inapplicable in this instance.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:

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2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. As noted above, the subject property is substantial in size and can clearly handle the storage of four (4) recreational vehicles. In my view, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare and is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of April, 1993 that the Petition for Variance

requesting relief from Section 415.A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the storage of four (4) recreational vehicles on the subject property in lieu of the one (1) permitted, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> > Zoning Commissioner

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**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

April 15, 1993

(410) 887-4386

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Charles Clark

RE: Case No. 93-315-A Petition for Zoning Variance S/S Bird River Beach Road, 30 ft. E of Crooks Road 955 Bird River Beach Road

Confirming telephone conversation, this date, please be advised that the above captioned case, scheduled for hearing on Monday, April 26, 1993

cc: Gwen Stephens, Docket Clerk Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building

**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

April 28, 1993

Mr. & Mrs. Walter C. Clark 955 Bird River Beach Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE S/S Bird River Beach Road, 30' E of Crooks Road (955 Bird River Beach Road) 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Walter C. Clark, et ux - Petitioners Case No. 93-315-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Clark:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: People's Counsel

Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Commission 45 Calvert Street, 2nd Floor, Annapolis, Md. 21401 \_\_\_\_\_

tition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 955 Birch River Beach Road which is presently zoned RC - Z

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Tuxing like to be exempt and Mad to Keep 4 receasion vehicles on my property. Tam 65 yo old, retired and very active. I have an RY motorhome that my wife and I use for camping in the summer, a 15ft boat that I use for fishing, a truck comper that I use in the winter for, Deer hunting and my daughters bust (that will go an her properly once the land is sub-divided). I have 161/2 acres of property. I feel that these R.V. are not an eye some to the Community. My property is completely shielded by trees because we have a Christmas tree farm and the area where the R.V.S are, cannot be seen from the road. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. f, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

> I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the Liverter Charles Clark hathryn Marie Clark Signature Marie Charle 955 Bird River Brach Rd 335-7302 Butimore, Haryland 21320. Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative

M. & H. DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERS, INC. 200 EAST JOPPA ROAD ROOM 101, SHELL BUILDING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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Malcolm E. Hudkins Registered Surveyor

93-315-A

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY ZONING VARIANCE 955 BIRD RIVER BEACH ROAD

BEGINNING for the same at a point on the south side Bird River Beach Road, (40 feet right of way) at a distance of 30 feet more or less easterly from the southerly prolongation of the center line of Crooks Road (50 feet right of way) and the south side of said Bird River Beach Road.

Thence S 30° 47' 46" E, 841.17 feet; thence S 54° 04' 14" W, 1,047.14 feet; thence N 26° 07' 46" W, 306.03 feet; thence N 64° 08' 14" E, 194.73 feet; thence N 28° 35' 14" E, 63.82 feet; thence N 28° 35' 14" E, 10.01 feet; thence N 12° 06' 46" W, 15.62 feet; thence N 12° 06' 46" W, 108.50 feet; thence N 21° 48' 46" W, 482.86 feet; thence N 02° 25' 48" W, 87.20 feet; thence N 65° 07' 44" E, 607.08 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING containing 16.574 acres of land more or less.

Being all of that tract or parcel of land described in a deed dated October 31, 1961 and recorded in the Baltimore County Land Records in Liber 1708, folio 262.



Malcolm E. Hudkins

Contract Purchaser/Lesses

955 Bird River Beach Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clark:

Please mark your records accordingly. We will begin the hearing promptly at 8:30 A.M. on April 26, 1993.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

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## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of, weeks, the first publication appearing on \_\_

(410) 887-3353

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

April 20, 1993

Petition for Variance

955 Bird River Road Baltimore, MD 21220 RE: Case No. 93-315-A, Item No. 320 Petitioner: Walter Charles Clark, et ux

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clark:

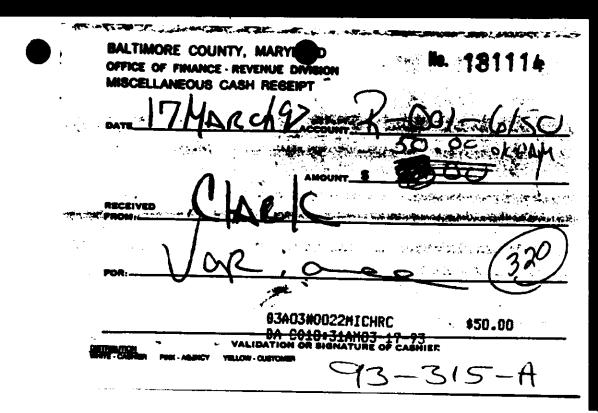
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Charles Clark

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on March 17, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.



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Item No.: 4 320 (CAH)

Ms. Julie Winiarski Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Re: Baltimore County

My telephone number is 410-333-1350 Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toli Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

**Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

DATE: 4 13 (93

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Walter and Kathryn Clark 955 Bird River Beach Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

RE: CASE NUMBER: 93-315-A (Item 320) S/S Bird River Beach Road, 30° E of Crooks Road 955 Bird River Beach Road 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Walter Charles Clark and Kathryn Clark HEARING: MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Rm. 118, Courthouse.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 72,63 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property and hearing date.

THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) MUST BE RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Forward your check for the above fee via return mail to the Zoning Office, (ZADM), County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 109, Towson, Maryland 21204. Please write the case number and hearing date on the check and make same payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. To avoid delay of the Zoning Commissioner's Order in your case, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 MARCH 25, 1993

(410) 887-3353

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

NOTICE OF HEARING

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows

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Variance to allow the storage of 4 recreational vehicles (existing) in lieu of the allowed 1

cc: Walter and Kathryn Clark

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: April 14, 1993 Zoning Administration and

Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 320, 340, 341, 346, 349, and 350.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL:lw

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

April 14, 1993

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Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. Lawrence Pilsonへ犬骨 Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #320 Clark Property; 955 Bird River Beach Road Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 29, 1993

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

1. See attached Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Findings.

JLP:jbm

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Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

April 15, 1993

(410) 887-4386

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Charles Clark 955 Bird River Beach Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

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Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Lawrence E. Schmidt

cc: Gwen Stephens, Docket Clerk Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 9, 1993

Mr. Arnold E. Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration

FROM: J. James Dieter

and Development Management

SUBJECT: Petition for Zoning Variance - Item 320 Clark Property Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Findings

SITE LOCATION

The subject property is located at 955 Bird River Beach Road. The site is within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is classified as a Limited Development Area (LDA).

APPLICANT'S NAME Walter C. and Kathryn M. Clark

APPLICANT PROPOSAL

The applicant has requested a variance from section 415A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations "To allow the storage of 4 recreational vehicles in lieu of the allowed 1."

GOALS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM

In accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program, all project approvals shall be based on a finding which assures that proposed projects are consistent with the following goals of the Critical Area Law:

1. "Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have runoff from surrounding lands:

2. Conserve fish, wildlife and plant habitat; and

3. Establish land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts" <COMAR 14.15.10.01.0>.

Mr. Arnold E. Jablon April 9, 1993

**DEFINITIONS** 

"Development Activities" means the construction or substantial alteration of residential, commercial, industrial, or transportation facilities or structures <COMAR 14.15.01.01.A(21)>.

Finding: The storage of 4 recreational vehicles on this property is not considered a "Development Activity" as defined above. Therefore, this project shall not need a Chesapeake Bay Critical Area findings.

CONCLUSION

This project proposal does not require a Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Findings for the reasons stated above.

If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia M. Farr at

Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

JJD:PMF:KDK:tmm

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Clark

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

The Department of Recreation and Parks submits a reply of "NO

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There are no other items on the agenda aside from the above.

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

COMMENT" for the following item numbers:

relating to agenda of 3/29/93

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS

Patrick J. McDougall Master Plan Coordinator

March 11, 1993

Ms. Kate Milton Baltimore County Office Bldg. 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. Milton:

The 2nd dwelling on my property will be occupied by my daughter and her husband until her house is built. My intentions are, after her house is built, I will remove all the kitchen and bath facilities except the toliet and sink in the house and change the occupance from a dwelling to a shed.

Sincerely,

Walter C. Clark 955 Bird River Beach Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220 (410) 335-7302



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April 16, 1993

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